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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 16-20 are pending.

Paragraphs [0024] and [00101] of the specifications have been replaced with amended paragraphs to correct typographical errors consisting of "metallacyle" which should be instead "metallacycle."

The Examiner is thanked for his helpful suggestions regarding claims 16-20. Objection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, is obviated by the following amendments to claim 16:

- i) Replacement of "a ring with a O-C₅ and a O-C₂ anhydride bond" phrase with a chemical structure.
- ii) Insertion of "of said metal" by two electrons to clarify that the oxidation state of the low valent metal is being referred. Support for this amendment can be found on paragraph [0060].
- iii) Insertion of the word "complex" to "the initiator molecule" in step (b) to provide antecedent basis.
- iv) Insertion of "a polyaminoacid chain" to clarify that step (b) is where a polyaminoacid chain is produced.
- v) Insertion of the word "first" with the amido containing metallacycle of step (b) (ii) and inclusion of the word "second" to the amido-containing metallacycle of step c (ii) to allow for the possibility that the first and second amido containing metallacycles are different.
- vi) Correction of the typographical error "metallacyle" which should be instead "metallacycle" in step (c).

Claim 17 has been amended to clarify that "n is an integer from 1 to 4."
Support for this amendment can be found on paragraph [0187].

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 50-3881.

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